DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 51,657.

(*b*) 60·99 million Cft.

(*c*) 77,800.

(*d*) About a mile each except Thazhakudi which is 3 miles distant.

(*e*) Pipe water is supplied to Bhoothapandy. Other villages are served by wells.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will take it from me that the villages excepting Bhoothapandy and Thazhakudy are only two miles from the main pipe line?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are within one mile.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that the water in these villages is brackish and that the people depend upon tank water for drinking? Will they consider the feasibility of extending the pipe line from Mukkadal?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Mukkadal water does not suffice even for Nagercoil.

Mallappally Bridge.

62. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the Mallappally Bridge will be started and what progress they have so far made in the execution of the scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Chief Engineer would give us an idea as to when this bridge will be taken up for construction?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some time next year. We have begun the investigations

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is not adequate budget provision in the next year's budget for the construction of this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In the hope that we will be able to get through, we have made a provision,

Construction of bridges over the Neyyar.

63. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have not been made for the construction of a bridge over the Neyyar at—

(i) Mandapathu Kadavu,

(ii) Mampazhakarai, and

(iii) Poovar;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the serious handicaps to the ryots in the matter of travel and transporting their goods to market places?

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